



**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE ACTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

November 30, 2005

2:00 p.m.

MSP HQ 2nd Floor Conference Room

MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
Lt. Col. Thomas Miller, Chair	Department of State Police
Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown	Department of State Police
Ms. Pat Anderson	SBC
Ms. Marsha Bianconi	Conference of Western Wayne
Mr. Bill Charon	Ionia County Central Dispatch/ETSC
Ms. Patricia Coates	Assoc. of Public Safety Communications Officials
Mr. Lloyd Fayling	Genesee County 911/ETSC – Senate Appointee
Mr. James Fyvie	Clinton County Central Dispatch
Ms. Jennifer Greenburg	Telecommunications Association of Michigan
Sheriff Dale Gribler (by phone)	Michigan Sheriffs' Association/ETSC
Ms. Suzan Hensel	National Emergency Number Association/ETSC
Mr. James Loeper	Gogebic County
Mr. Charles Nystrom	Barry County Central Dispatch /ETSC – House appointee
Ms. Mary O'Connell Roehr	SBC
Mr. David Vehslage	Verizon Wireless
ABSENT	
Mr. Dale Berry	Michigan Assoc. of Ambulance Services
Sgt. Matt Bolger	Department of State Police
Mr. Robert Currier	Intrado
Mr. Andrew Goldberger	St. Joseph County 911 Dispatch
Mr. Ralph Gould	Grand Rapids Police Department
Mr. Scott Temple	Commercial Mobile Radio Service/ETSC
Mr. Joe VanOosterhout	Marquette County Central Dispatch

Call to Order

Lt. Colonel Thomas Miller called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

Additions to the agenda

None

Introductions of New Members

Ms. Mary O'Connell Roehr representing SBC has been chosen to replace Ms. Regina Bell on the LAS. Ms. Bell resigned from the LAS earlier this fall. Ms. Miller-Brown asked that LAS members introduce themselves at today's meeting.

SFWG Update

Ms. Miller-Brown gave an update of the activities that the SFWG has been working on. They have concentrated specifically on surcharges. The group is looking at a two-tiered system based on a per-device that can access 9-1-1. The first tier would be a single same amount statewide surcharge on all access that would fund the network, baseline amount to PSAPs, dispatcher training, State 9-1-1 office and possibly network upgrades to move to an IP based 9-1-1 system. The second tier would be an optional county-based surcharge with two levels: a county commission-imposed and a county-ballot consent surcharge. This would be collected through the state and distributed to counties in a timely manner while giving the communications industry one point of remittance. The LAS members voiced concern about money going to the state first before it is distributed to the PSAPs. Ms. Miller-Brown suggested that specifics are set up in the statute that will assure proper timely distribution. One idea is setting up a trust fund rather than the general accounting system that is in place currently. Also if a county is currently on a

millage-based surcharge, they could stay on a millage-based surcharge much like they receive their wireless monies currently. The county surcharge would be optional. These issues require further research.

The LAS members also discussed technical surcharges and what is included in those surcharges. Following lengthy discussion, a sub work group has been developed to discuss what would be paid out of a state technical surcharge. The group will include Mr. Fyvie, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Coates, Mr. Vehslage, Lynn Mell (T-Mobile) Chris Mizera - Vonage, and Bob Currier - Intrado.

The LAS is supportive of the work that the SFWG has been doing thus far and recommends they move forward.

Additional Legislative Issues

Ms. Miller-Brown asked that the group review any legislative issues that have been discussed in the past and not resolved. If the statute will be opened in 2006, the group will need to have these issues and appropriate proposals ready. No additional issues were raised at the meeting. (There is already a work group addressing MLTS).

Ms. Bianconi and Ms. Miller-Brown recently met with Chris Gillette (from Sen. Patterson's office) concerning the draft prepaid wireless and sunset extension legislation. Mr. Gillette recommended that these pieces be tie-barred. Otherwise the entire statute may have to be opened and could take more time to pass. The draft has been composed to be a two-section piece, rather than a three-section piece. Mr. Gillette expressed concerns regarding the sunset date that perhaps it is too far in the future. The members are still hearing assurances that the bill will get introduced this session.

Monies remaining in CMRS fund

Lt. Colonel Miller reported that currently there is 10-12 million remaining the CMRS fund. He noted that it is important to develop a strategy for remaining money and the need to move quickly. An amendment will need to be made to use this money for other than reimbursement to providers. The ILECs will receive reimbursement from this fund for three years. Ms. Miller-Brown noted a projection of 1.6 million will be needed to reimburse for 2006 invoices. Approximately 5-6 million will be held back for this commitment. One idea for use of the remaining monies is a system similar to the one in the State of Indiana. Currently they lease a 9-1-1 dedicated IP-network based system. They paid 4.7 million up front and \$375,000 ongoing to lease the equipment statewide. The LAS members agreed that a feasibility study should be done prior to making any commitments with the remaining monies. The approximate cost for a study would be \$100,000. Lt. Colonel Miller and Ms. Miller-Brown will further discuss this.

SB1339- MLTS

Mr. Gould was not able to attend today's meeting. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Ms. Hensel thanked the SFWG for all of their work.

Adjourn

Lt. Colonel Miller made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nystrom supported. The **MOTION** carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next LAS meeting will be held Friday January 20, 2006.

Approved:

Lt. Colonel Thomas Miller, Chair

